



WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order #T2014-0616-HCNRA-03



Fire Closure

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Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

1. It is prohibited for any person to be the area described in Attachment A of this order. **36 CFR 261.53(e).**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1.) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- (2.) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this 7 day of August, 2014.

/s/John Laurence
JOHN LAURENCE
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)



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APPENDIX A

The Oregon side of the Snake River from Copper Creek to Rush Creek, encompassing the Wild and Scenic River area at the west boundary ¼ mile from the river's edge and east to the Snake River.

Statement of Need:

This closure is necessary to provide forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards associated with the fire situation in the HCNRA. Safety hazards associated with fire suppression include, erratic wild land fire behavior, support aircraft, and limited escape access.

Enforcement Procedures:

Enforcement will be conducted by FPOs, LEOs and SAs. Discretion will be used in the first couple of days after enacting the order and the preferred method of compliance will be a warning since the goal is to clear the area and protect the public.

Posting:

Posting shall be done by the forest staff or fire personnel assigned to the fire. Posting should be made at all major access point to the area. Barricades can be used to block entry on roads to the area.

Enforcement Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	8/7/2014
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	8/7/2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	8/7/2014
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	8/7/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger PAO LEO	8/7/2014

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

/s/ John Laurence

John Laurence
Forest Supervisor

/s/ Robert Field

Robert Field
Patrol Captain